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1. BELIEVE DEPT HAS SOMEHOW OVERLOOKED COMMISSION-EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS ON MOST TOPICS MENTIONED REFTEL BUT HAVE INITIATED IMMEDIATE CHECK ON ALL SUBJECTS.
 2. RE PARA 2: COMMISSION-EMBASSY PLACE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON 12-MONTH AMERICAN LITERATURE GRANT, AS IT TIES IN WITH OUR ENCOURAGEMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES AND WITH BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMMING EFFORTS. WILL REPLY QUICKLY SOON AS PANEL OF NAMES RECEIVED.
 3. RE PARA 3: COMMISSION HAS SCHEDULED CONSIDERATION MARY R. KEY FOR FIRST MEETING IN MARCH. UNABLE ACT IN FEBRUARY BECAUSE EVERYTHING CLOSES DOWN HERE.
 4. RE PARA 4: DEPT AND BFS HAVE OVERLOOKED FACT THAT REVISED FY 1975 PROGRAM PROPOSAL, SENT UNDER AIRGRAM 75 MARCH 27, 1974, AND FY 1976 PROGRAM PROPOSAL, SENT UNDER AIRGRAM 239 OD DECEMBER 10, 1974, BOTH SHOWED FORMAL COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AUSTRAL-MINNESOTA PROJECT. PROPOSALS CLERALLY STATED "NO SPECIAL RECRUITMENT... NEEDED FOR LECTURERS... AS THEY WOULD BE NOMINATED BY THE UNIVERSITIES INVOLVED." WE DISAPPOINTED NO RECRUITMENT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN, AS WE HAD ASSUMED THIS WAS LONG SINCE UNDERWAY. WE WERE AWARE OF DONOHUE'S CANDIDACY THROUGH MINNESOTA REPRESENTATIVE AT AUSTRAL AND URGED THAT DONOHUE APPLY THRU NORMAL CHANNELS. WE ARE CHECKING FURTHER TO SEE IF COMMISSION EVER RECEIVED APPLI-
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CATION DIRECTLY. COMMISSION INTERESTED IN DONOHUE, WHO IS TWO

UNIVERSITIES' OFFICIAL CANDIDATE, AND IS WILLING CONVERT TWO 6-MONTH GRANTS INTO ONE FULL-YEAR GRANT. CHECKING WITH AUSTRAL ON WHETHER LACK OF SPANISH AN IMPEDIMENT BUT ASSUME SINCE DONOHUE ALREADY HAS TWO UNIVERSITIES' BLESSING THAT THIS IS NO PROBLEM.

5. WE DOUBLE CHECKING ITEMS 5 AND 6 REFTEL.

6. REGRET BFS AND DEPT WAITED UNTIL NOW TO CALL THESE SUPPOSED LACUNAE TO OUR ATTENTION AND REPEAT OUR CONTENTION THAT, AS ABOVE SHOWS, SOME OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED.
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